

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 967

By White

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the Christian Brothers Band on the occasion of its 140th anniversary.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially recognize those fine institutions that bring the joys of artistic expression and culture to the citizens of this State while promoting the importance of the performing arts; and

WHEREAS, the Christian Brothers Band is one such laudable institution that will celebrate its 140th anniversary in 2012; and

WHEREAS, organized in Memphis in 1872, the Christian Brothers Band has the distinction of being the Oldest High School Band in America as determined by Patrick Bolton in his thesis, “The Oldest High School Band in America’: The Christian Brothers Band of Memphis 1872 – 1947”; and

WHEREAS, the Christian Brothers Band has gained national recognition through its outstanding achievement in music; and

WHEREAS, the Christian Brothers Band, since its organization, has had a distinguished role in the history of Memphis, having played for dedications ranging from the Great Mississippi River Bridge and the Court Square Fountain to St. Jude Hospital; and

WHEREAS, the band has officially serenaded government officials, from President Grover Cleveland and Admiral George Dewey to President Richard Nixon, and has participated in many other civic and public ceremonies, national festivals, and clinics, including the Mid-West Clinic in Chicago and festivals in Carnegie Hall and the Lincoln Center in New York; and

WHEREAS, the Christian Brothers Band not only shares its talents with the State but also lays the foundation for the appreciation of music and provides a rich musical heritage for future generations; and

WHEREAS, as the Christian Brothers Band celebrates a long and storied 140-year history of contributing to Tennessee's diverse musical culture, its members relish their remarkable record of achievement, inspiring applause from the arts community of our Nation and bringing honor to the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the Christian Brothers Band for its invaluable contributions to this State and its cultural landscape, congratulate its members upon the celebration of the band's 140th anniversary, and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.